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Sir:

I, Alberto SARDO, residing at 17, Montée des Tours, 13160 Chateaurenard, France, declare and say as:

1. I am an Italian citizen.
2. I am President of the Board of Xeda International.
3. I am an inventor of the above-identified application, and I am aware that the claims of the present patent application have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bompeix et al. (US 6,723,364) in view of Riggle et al. (US 5,811,372) and over Bompeix et al. (US 6,723,364) in view of Kleinkopf et al.
4. The above-identified application is directed to a process for reducing phytotoxicity caused by physical and/or chemical treatment applied to fruit or vegetable comprising :
 - treating said fruit or vegetable with said physical and/or chemical treatment;
 - applying a composition comprising lecithins and/or derivatives.
5. The Examiner has taken the position that said phytoprotective effect was predictable in view of the cited documents.
6. The phytoprotective effect of the process of the invention is apparent from the following experimental data summarized below.